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1. "Considerable reductions in coal supplies for the Uzbek SSR have been ordered by the Ministry of Coal Production since 20 Apr 53.
2. "Only 60,000 tons of coal were allocated for the Uzbek SSR at that time. This coal is exclusively for the Chemical Combine at Tashkent and for war industrial plants in the Republic. All other Uzbek needs must be covered by the output of local coal mines. However, these can satisfy only about 35% of the total requirement.
3. "The cut in coal imports to 60,000 tons per year is said to be caused by the increased need of coal for war industry plants in the Kuznetsk Basin and in the Ural Mountains. The cut will considerably affect Uzbek industries that are not directly connected with war production.
4. "The Uzbek internal railway lines used to consume over 80,000 tons of coal per year. They are now supplied with Diesel locomotives which run on crude oil.
5. "To increase the output in the local Uzbek coal mines, about 12,000 new workers and miners have been sent to the existing coal mines in Shurab and Angren and to other points [not specified]."

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